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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION In the Matter of OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Review by Consorcio de Escuelas y Bibliotecas de Puerto Rico of Decisions of Universal Service Administrator CC Docket No. 96-45 Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket No. 97-21 Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. BIN # 159193 Colegio San Felipe Colegio San Antonio BIN # 205387 Academia Primaria Adventista BIN # 157724 Academia Adventista Metropolitana BIN # 200453 Liceo Aguadillano BIN # 159196 Academia Adventista del Centro Ramón Rivera Pérez BIN # 197681 Academia de Enseñanza Moderna, Inc. BIN # 200156 Saint Patrick's Bilingual School BIN # 200260 Biblioteca Pública Camuy BIN # 199579 BIN # 199615 Biblioteca Pública Barceloneta Biblioteca Pública Adjuntas BIN # 199583 Biblioteca Municipal de Area Corozal BIN # 199625 Biblioteca Municipal Caguas BIN # 199581 Biblioteca Municipal Cayey BIN # 201479 Biblioteca San Sebastián BIN # 199689 Biblioteca Pública San Lorenzo BIN # 199688 Biblioteca Pública Manuel Guzmán Rodríguez BIN # 199612 Biblioteca Pública Guayama BIN # 199632 Biblioteca Pública Coamo BIN # 199623 Biblioteca Pública Cantera Rosa M. Sánchez BIN # 199680 Biblioteca Pública Clemencia Philemon BIN # 199666 Biblioteca Pública Guayanilla BIN # 199635 Biblioteca Pública de Culebra BIN # 182660 Biblioteca Pública Peñuelas BIN # 199663 Biblioteca Pública Nemesio R. Canales BIN # 199644 Academia Presbiteriana Reverendo Juan E. Mercado BIN # 199781 Biblioteca Municipal Quebradillas BIN # 225457 ) Biblioteca Municipal de Boquillas ) BIN # 223675

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To: Wireline Competition Bureau

## FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO REQUESTS FOR REVIEW AND WAIVER

In the interests of a complete record, the Consorcio de Escuelas y Bibliotecas de Puerto Rico ("CEBPR") hereby supplements its pending "Requests for Review and Waiver" to report further information that has recently come to counsel's attention establishing the lack of Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") approval for the "NEW and FIRM" Year 4 postmarking requirement.

The above-referenced applications were rejected solely because the Block 6

Certifications and Item 21 Attachments were not postmarked by the close of the January 18,

These requests were filed on August 23, 2001, September 7, 2001, December 27, 2001, and January 25, 2002 and supplemented on February 28 and June 7, 2002.

2001 filing window. In addition to the information previously submitted by CEBPR showing that the "NEW and FIRM" requirement was unlawfully imposed without OMB approval as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"), this is further confirmed by the following additional OMB action. On October 19, 2000, soon after OMB extended the then existing version of the Form 471 (including no "FIRM and NEW" requirement) for a three-year period, the Commission requested OMB approval for certain revisions to the approved information collection. This second application (Attachment A hereto) sought emergency review without the need for prior public notice in view of the short turnaround time. As described in the transmittal letter, the revisions made were "non-substantive" in nature and made:

"to enhance clarity and to reduce processing costs. See the attached matrix for a listing of all changes made to the form along with the corresponding rationale. We believe that the revisions made to the Form 471 are nonsubstantive. However, out of an abundance of caution, we resubmit FCC Form 471 to OMB for review and approval. We do not believe the revisions will have a significant impact on our current burden estimate."<sup>2</sup>

Notice of OMB's approval of this second application was published in the Federal Register on November 8, 2000, 65 F.R. 67006.

The matrix (Attachment A, pp. 11-14) attached to the application listed all revisions to the Form 471 for which OMB approval was requested. As shown therein, none of the requested changes dealt in any way with the "NEW and FIRM" postmarking requirement. <sup>3</sup> While making several extremely detailed changes in other sections of the form, OMB approval for the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Letter to Mr. Donald Arbuckle, Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, dated October 19,2000, p.1. (Attachment A, p. 1)(emphasis added).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The previously noted minor revision made to the text of the filing instructions on the form was not included on the matrix and therefore was not presented to OMB for approval.

substantial change in Block 6 filing instructions was neither sought nor obtained in this second application.

In stark contrast, the current edition of the Form 471 references the present version of the "NEW and FIRM" postmarking requirement as one of the "KEY INFORMATION" items in a prominent place on the first page of the Instructions. This version of the form containing the postmarking requirement appears to have been first approved by OMB on March 24, 2003 in order to clarify instructions and make the form easier to read. Prior to that date, however, the "NEW and FIRM" postmarking requirement lacked OMB approval and could not be lawfully implemented under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

In Salzer v. F.C.C., the Court of Appeals set forth the fundamental legal requirements for letter-perfect filing requirements like the "NEW and FIRM" requirement -- "the less forgiving the FCC's acceptability standard, the more precise its requirements must be. The FCC cannot reasonably expect applications to be letter-perfect when, as here, its instructions for those applications are incomplete, ambiguous or improperly promulgated." In this case, as in Salzer, the new requirement was improperly promulgated, confusing to applicants and communicated in an ambiguous fashion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Instructions for Completing the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Services Ordered and Certification Form (FCC Form 471), October 2003, p.1, drawing the reader's attention in bold face print to the form section "Filing Requirements for Forms 471 Submitted on Paper and Online." (pp. 8-9).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget, 68 F. R. 23310 (May 1, 2003)("The Commission revised the FCC Form 471 and instructions to make it possible to read with electronic readers, to update references to current deadlines and to clarify explanations and make the form generally easier to understand.")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 778 F.2d 869, 875 (D.C.Cir. 1885). See also, Satellite Broadcasting Co., Inc. v. F.C.C., 824 F.2d 1 (D.C. Cir. 1987).

Both the substantial changes made and context in which they were done show how easily applicants could be confused. From the standpoint of the form filer, the process changes did far more than simply establish a new annual deadline date. In place of the previous two-step process with a distinctly different deadline for each step, the "NEW and FIRM" requirement substituted a unitary one-step process. It further changed the perfection of filing standard from receipt by SLD to "postmarking" by the applicant and made it an absolute qualification requirement. In the Commission's own words, it was a "new policy" developed by SLD in consultation with the Commission to eliminate the problem of unexpected shipping delays after mailing. In contrast, the time previously allowed to perfect the manual filing of the paper documents after the window closed had ranged from 106 days in year 29 to 12 days in year 3.

The electronic transmission of data and the mailing of a paper document are distinctly different transactions for an applicant. In earlier years, applicants were required to complete each transaction separately in a sequential "one-after-the-other" filing schedule with a different and far looser deadline applying to the second step. For example, with respect to the related 470 Form that had the same two-step filing procedure, applicants had been advised to "remember that you will then need to mail in your printed-out, signed Block 6 certification as soon as possible

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Even if it were a change in filing deadline alone, this change would be subject to OMB approval under the PRA. See fn. 5, *supra* (OMB approval requested and granted for new filing dates).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Alpine County Unified School District, DA 02-218, released January 31,2002, paragraph 3 (emphasis added). While numerous ruling have noted that this change was intended to benefit applicants, that is irrelevant to the issue of whether the substantial change was lawfully implemented under PRA with clear and fair notice permitting applicants to adjust to the change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See *Edgerton Public School*, DA 01-2803, released December 4, 2001 (paragraph 3). As summarized therein, this deadline was set after the close of the window due apparently to the slowness in receiving the paper filings. The only requirement prior to the close of the window was to complete and mail the paper documents with no deadline given.

West Jasper School District, DA 01-2769, released November 29, 2001 (paragraph 11).

after you complete the online application, but these certifications will be accepted even after our March Form 470 deadline." And in year 3 after the window closed, the SLD had specially reminded applicants whose papers had not yet been received to be sure to get them in by the paper certification deadline. Now, the "NEW and FIRM" requirement substituted letter-perfect adherence to the same window deadline. These were substantial changes from the standpoint of the applicant, which could be easily confused or simply missed, given the overall complexity of the application filing process and number of changes made each year. <sup>13</sup>

Moreover, the "NEW and FIRM" requirement was communicated to applicants in a confusing and ambiguous fashion. While published on the SLD website and noted in a letter mailed to the applicant's contact representative, it was not even mentioned in the most logical place, the actual form 471 Instructions that go with the application. An applicant reading the Instruction alone received no notice of the new requirement, whereas someone checking the website would get a different message. Furthermore, as all SLD communications were solely in English, applicants in Puerto Rico (a bi-lingual jurisdiction under the Commonwealth's Constitution) were even more apt to be confused and unfairly disadvantaged by the substantially changed requirement.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Friday is Form 470 Day, SLD Website, March 1999 Announcements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Certification Deadline Extended, SLD Website, January 2000 Announcements.

As a result of these changes, applicants were required to adjust their filing procedures to ensure the manual filing of the Block 6 Certification by the same window deadline that applied to the electronic filing process. The PRA was intended to address exactly this type of a situation. The burdens the PRA charges OMB to review include required adjustments in procedures to comply with new filing instructions and in transmitting the information. 44 U.S.C. § 3502(2) & (F).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> As previously shown, as a confusing first-time requirement, waiver of the "NEW and FIRM" requirement is also required under *Naperville Community Unit School District 203*, 16 FCC Rcd.

Where "letter-perfect" adherence to a new filing procedure (even if seemingly modest on its face) is a basic qualifying requirement, "elementary fairness compels clarity in the notice of the material required as a condition for consideration." This has been made very clear many times by the Court of Appeals in reversing other letter-perfect filing requirements for failure to implement the new requirement properly. Salzer v. F.C.C., supra. The implementation of the "NEW and FIRM" requirement in year 4 is unlawful under the PRA and falls far short of the standards for a letter-perfect filing requirement established by the Court of Appeals.

Where OMB approval for the information collection is lacking, "the agency shall not treat a person's failure to comply, in and of itself, as grounds for withholding the benefit or imposing the penalty. The agency shall instead permit respondents to prove or satisfy the legal conditions in any other reasonable manner." 5 C.F.R. § 1320.6(c)(emphasis added). The Commission expressly adopted this standard in *Portland Cellular Partnership:* "where an information collection requirement lacks required OMB approval, we [the Commission] must permit the applicant to provide or satisfy the legal conditions in any reasonable manner." This properly recognizes that the "public protection" provisions of the PRA (44 U.S.C. § 3512) are exceedingly broad and must be respected. Under Section 3512, "if an agency promulgates an

5032 (2001). See Consorico Supplement to Requests for Review and Waiver, filed February 28, 2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Salzer v.F.C.C., supra, at 875, citing Radio Athens Inc.(WATH) v. F.C.C., 401 F2d. 398, 401 (D.C. Cir. 1968).

Portland Cellular Partnership, 11 FCC Rcd. 19997, 20007-08 (1996), aff,d sub nom, Saco River Cellular v. F.C.C., 133 F. 3d 25 (D.C. Cir. 1998), cert. denied, 525 U.S. 813 (1998). See also, Dana Communications, Ltd., 7 FCC Rcd. 1878, 1879 (1992) ("agencies may not impose a penalty for failure to comply with an unauthorized information requirement, and 'shall instead permit respondents to prove or satisfy the legal condition in any other reasonable manner.' See Section 1320.5(b)."); Kent S. Foster, 7 FCC Rcd. 7971, 7972, fn. 10 (1992); and Fair Oaks Cellular Partners, 10 FCC Rcd. 9980, 9982 (1995).

information collection without OMB approval, 'members of the public may ignore it without risk of penalty.'"<sup>17</sup>

In this case, the manner in which the Consorcio's members have complied with the information collection requirement is well within the zone of reasonableness. Their Block 6 Certifications and Item 21 Attachments were mailed to SLD no later than January 20, 2001, two days after the close of the filing window, and presumably received soon thereafter. There is no evidence that this minor delay would have prejudiced the processing of the application by SLD in any way.

#### CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth herein and in the previously filed Requests for Review and Waiver, the above-referenced requests for review and waiver should be promptly granted.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSORCIO DE ESCUELAS Y BIBLIOTECAS DE PUERTO RICO

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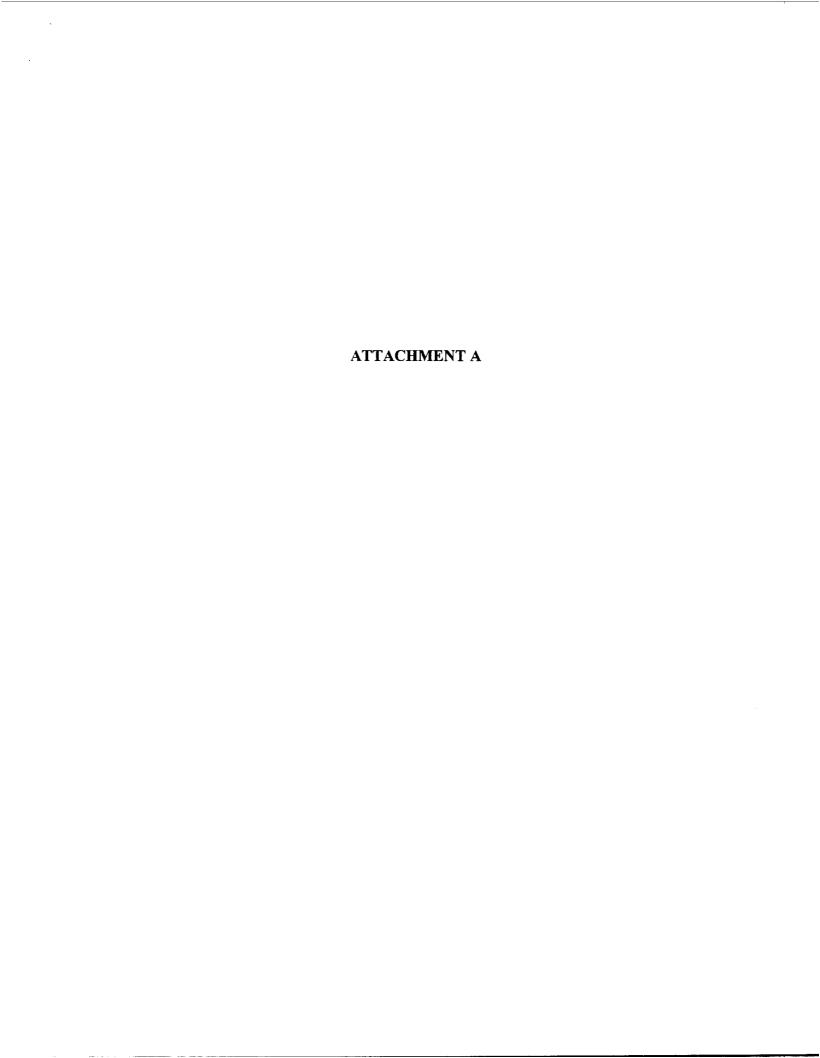
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Portland Cellular Partnership, supra at 20002, citing, Dole v. United Steelworkers of America, 494 U.S. 26, 40 (1990).



## ATTACHMENT A

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION, DATED OCTOBER 19, 2000 (NOT INCLUDING FCC FORM 471 AND INSTRUCTIONS APPENDED TO APPLICATION)

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

OCT 19 2000

Mr. Donald Arbuckle
Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Arbuckle:

Enclosed please find a request for emergency review under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. § 3507(g). We are seeking approval of the enclosed information collection requirement for section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Due to the short turnaround time, we request a waiver of the notice requirements of 5 C.F.R. § 1320.8(d) and 1320.5(a)(1)(iv).

On November 8, 1996, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service released a Recommended Decision in which it made recommendations to assist and counsel the Commission in the creation of an effective universal service support mechanism that would ensure that the goals of affordable, quality service and access to advanced services are met by means that enhance competition. On November 18, 1996, the Commission released a Public Notice (DA 96-1891) seeking public comment on the issues addressed and recommendations made by the Joint Board in the Recommended Decision. On May 8, 1997, the Commission adopted rules providing, among other things, discounts on all telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections for all eligible schools and libraries. Schools and libraries that have ordered telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections under the universal service discount program must file FCC Form 471, "Services Ordered and Certification," with the Administrator. Form 471 requires schools and libraries to list all services that have been ordered and the corresponding discount for which they qualify.

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system development can occur in order for the Administrator to be able to process the forms, we respectfully request OMB approval by October 25, 2000.

The collection of this information is essential to the mission of the agency to ensure that only eligible entities receive universal service support. If OMB follows the normal clearance process for information collections, it would effectively impede the Commission's ability to carry out its regulatory responsibilities under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Delaying the effective date of these information collection requirements would defeat the Commission's goal of creating a stable and predictable program. Furthermore, the information collection requirements have been carefully designed to collect only the data needed for processing the application.

Please notify me by telephone of your action as soon as possible at (202) 418-0214. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

ludy E. Boley

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### Justification for Emergency Clearance

On November 8, 1996, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service released a Recommended Decision in which it made recommendations to assist and counsel the Commission in the creation of an effective universal service support mechanism that would ensure that the goals of affordable, quality service and access to advanced services are met by means that enhance competition. On November 18, 1996, the Commission released a Public Notice (DA 96-1891) seeking public comment on the issues addressed and recommendations made by the Joint Board in the Recommended Decision. On May 8, 1997, the Commission adopted rules providing, among other things, discounts on all telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections for all eligible schools and libraries. Schools and libraries that have ordered telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections under the universal service discount program must file FCC Form 471, "Services Ordered and Certification," with the Administrator. Form 471 requires schools and libraries to list all services that have been ordered and the corresponding discount for which they qualify.

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PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SURMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional form: Clearance Officer. Send two (2) copies of this form, the collection instrument Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and	to be reviewed, the Supporting Statement, and any addition of documents.
Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number
Federal Communications Commission Common Carrier Bureau	a. 3060 - 0806 b. None
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Does this information collection employ statistical methods?	regarding the content of this submission).  Name: Adrian Wright  Phone: 202-418-0854

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TITLE

Universal Service - Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submission

A. PROGRAM OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION (Internal FCC Use Only)

(1) Signature (FCC B/O Official)

(2) Date

On behalf of this Federal agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9.

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8 (b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;

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- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It uses plain, coherent, and unambiguous language that is understandable to respondents:
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention periods for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under section 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3) about:
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, or mandatory)
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number.
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in item 19 of the instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology (if applicable); and
- (i) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of these provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

B. SENIOR OFFICIAL OR DESIGNEE CERTIFICATION						
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#### SUPPORTING STATEMENT

FCC Universal Service Forms: FCC Form 470 and Form 471.

Note: This submission is being made pursuant to 44 U.S.C. Section 3507 of the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Commission is requesting emergency review and approval of the attached FCC Form 471 to assist the Universal Service Administrator in administering the universal service support mechanisms. FCC Form 470 will remain in effect as currently approved by OMB. The Commission requests that OMB approve the attached form by October 25, 2000. Due to the short turnaround time, we request a waiver of the notice requirements of 5 CFR Sections 1320.8 and 1320.5.

#### A. Justification

1. On November, 8, 1996, the Joint Board released a recommended Decision in which it made recommendations to assist and counsel the Commission in the creation of an effective universal support mechanism that would ensure that the goals of affordable, quality service and access to advanced services are met by means that enhance competition. On May 8, 1997, the Commission adopted rules providing discounts on all telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections for all eligible schools and libraries. To participate in the program, schools and libraries must submit FCC Forms 470 and 471.

# a. Submission of FCC Form 470 "Description of Service Requested and Certification."

Schools and libraries ordering telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections under the universal service discount program must submit a description of the services desired to the Administrator. Schools and libraries may use the same description they use to meet the requirement that they generally face to solicit competitive bids. The Administrator will post those Form 470 forms that request new services on a website for all potential competing service providers to see and respond to as if they were requests for proposals (RFPs). 47 C.F.R. § 54.505(b)(2), 47 C.F.R §54.504 (b)(3). Pursuant to section 254(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 254 (h), schools and libraries must certify under oath that: (1) the school or library is an eligible entity under section 254(h)(4); (2) the services requested will be used solely for education purposes; (3) the services will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value; and (4) if the services are being purchased as part of an aggregated purchase with other entities, the identities of all co-purchasers and the portion of the services being purchased by the school or library, 47 C.F.R § 54.504(b)(2). For schools ordering telecommunications services at the individual school level (i.e., primarily non-public schools), the person ordering such services should certify to the Administrator the percentage of students eligible in that school

for the national school lunch program (or the other acceptable indicators of economic disadvantage determined by the Commission). This requirement arises in the context of determining which schools are eligible for greater discounts being offered to economically disadvantaged schools. For schools ordering telecommunications services at the school district level, the person ordering such services for the school district should certify to the Administrator the number of students in each of its schools eligible for the national school lunch program (or the other acceptable indicators of economic disadvantages). This requirement also arises in the context of determining which schools are eligible for greater discounts being offered to economically disadvantaged schools. 47 C.F.R. § 54.505(b)(1). Schools and libraries must also certify that they have developed a technology plan that has been approved by an authorized entity. The technology plan should demonstrate that the applicant will be able to deploy any necessary hardware, software, and wiring, and to undertake any necessary teacher training required to use effectively the services ordered pursuant to the section 254(h) discount. 47 C.F.R § 54.504(b)(2). (No change requested. FCC Form 470 will remain in effect as currently approved by OMB).

- b. Submission of FCC Form 471 "Services Ordered and Certification." Schools and libraries that have ordered telecommunication services, Internet access, and internal connections under the Universal Service Mechanism for Schools and Libraries must file FCC Form 471 with the Administrator. Form 471 requires schools and libraries to list all services that have been ordered and the funding needs for the current funding year. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(b)(2). This form also gathers information from schools and libraries about the technology currently available to the entity and what is made possible by their application for universal service fund discounts. (See attached memo and matrix which details all changes made to the FCC Form 471. Most of the changes made are for clarification purposes. We anticipate no change in burden).
- 2. All schools and libraries planning to order services eligible for universal service discounts must file FCC Forms 470 and 471. The purpose of this information is to help determine which schools and libraries are eligible for the greater discounts. Schools and libraries must certify to the Administrator that they have developed an approved technology plan via Form 471. This requirement is designed to help schools and libraries avoid the waste that might arise from requests for services that the schools and libraries would be unable to use for the educational purposes intended.
- 3. Applicants will be able to electronically file or mail their submissions. Copies of the forms will be available via the Administrator's website.
- 4. There will be no duplication of information. The information sought is unique to each respondent and similar information is not already available.
- 5. Entities directly subject to the requirements in the forms are primarily schools and libraries. The forms have been designed to impose the least possible burden on the respondents.

- 6. Failing to collect the information, or collecting it less frequently, would prevent the Commission from implementing section 254 of the 1996 Act and ensuring that the goals of affordable service and access to advanced services are met by means that enhance, rather than distort, competition.
- 7. Applicants are required to retain certain filings for five years. The records are needed in case the applicant is audited. If an applicant is audited, it should be able to demonstrate to the auditor how the entries in its application were provided.
- 8. This is an emergency request. We ask OMB to waive the notice requirements of 5 CFR 1320. The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the collection prior to our resubmission under regular procedures.
- 9. There will be no payments or gift to respondents.
- 10. The Commission is not requesting that the respondents submit confidential information to the Commission. If the Commission requests applicants to submit information that the respondents believe is confidential, respondents may request confidential treatment of such information under section 0.459 of the Commission's rules.
- 11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature with respect to the information collected.
- 12. The following represents the hour burden on the collections of information:
  - a. <u>Submission of FCC Form 470 "Description of Service Requested and Certification."</u>
    - (1) <u>Number of respondents:</u> Approximately 50,000 public school districts, private schools and public library systems.
    - (2) <u>Frequency of response</u>: On occasion. Each school and library must submit FCC Form 470, describing the services desired, to the Administrator.
    - (3) Annual burden per response: 4 hours. The total annual hour burden is 200,000 hours. This estimate includes the time needed for complying with the record retention requirement.
    - (4) Total estimate of the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collection of information: \$8,000,000.
    - (5) Explanation of calculation: We estimate that this obligation will take approximately 4 hours and will occur once a year for 50,000 schools and libraries. 50,000 (number of respondents) x 1 (number of submissions required) x 4 (hours to prepare form, including time for reading instructions) x \$40 per hour (including administrative staff time and overhead) = \$8,000,000.
  - b. Submission of FCC Form 471 "Services Ordered, Certification, and Termination."
    - (1) Number of respondents: Approximately 60,000 public school districts, private schools and public library systems.

- (2) <u>Frequency of response</u>: On occasion. Each school and library must submit FCC Form 471, describing the services desired, to the Administrator.
- (3) Annual burden per response: 4 hours. The total annual hour burden is 240,000 hours. This estimate includes the time need for complying with the record retention requirement.
- (4) Total estimate of the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collection of information; \$9,600,000.
- (5) Explanation of calculation: We estimate that this obligation will take approximately 4 hours and will occur once a year for 60,000 schools and libraries. 60,000 (number of respondents) x 1 (number of submissions required) x 4 (hours to prepare form, including time for reading instructions) x \$40 per hour (including administrative staff time and overhead) = \$9,600,000.

Total Annual Burden = 200,000 + 240,000 = 440,000 burden hours.

- 13. (1) Total capital start-up costs component annualized over its expected useful life: \$0. The collections will not require the purchase of additional equipment.
  - (2) Total operation and maintenance and purchase of service component: \$0. The collections will not result in additional operation or maintenance expenses.
- 14. There will be few, if any costs to the Commission because notice and enforcement requirements are already part of Commission duties. Moreover, there will be minimal cost to the Federal government since an outside party will administer this program.
- 15. The public burden for the collections contained herein continues to be 440,000 burden hours. Even though the FCC form 471 has been revised, we do not anticipate any significant change in burden. The collections are necessary to implement the universal service discount program for schools and libraries.
- 16. The Commission will make the information required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.504 publicly available on the Internet. Other non-proprietary information will likely be made publicly available although the Commission does not have specific plans for doing so at this time.
- 17. The Commission seeks continued approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collections. Display of the expiration date on the forms and instructions would not be in the public interest because, after the approval period, we would have to destroy all of the unused forms bearing the expiration date. This would constitute waste and would not be cost effective.
- 18. Applicants are required to retain certain records longer than three years. Applicants must retain records to be able to demonstrate to the auditor how the entries in their application were provided. This is an emergency request. We ask OMB to waive the notice requirements of 5 CFR 1320.
- B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

The Commission does not anticipate that the collection of information will employ statistical methods.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, hereby certify that on August 26, 2004, I caused copies of the foregoing "Further Supplement to Requests for Review and Waiver" to be hand delivered to the following:

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